



New Jersey Department of Children and Families Policy Manual

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§10:124-1.2 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, have the following meanings:

"Bureau" means the Bureau of Licensing of the Division of Youth and Family Services.

"Child" means any person who is under the age of 18.

"Children's shelter facility" or "shelter facility" or "juvenile-family in crisis shelter" means any public or private facility that provides 24-hour-a-day residential care to six or more children in a non-physically restrictive environment for a period of time usually not exceeding 30 days.

"Children's shelter home coordinator" or "shelter home coordinator" means a person responsible for the recruitment, coordination, operation and management of one or more children's shelter homes.

"Children's shelter home" or "shelter home" or "juvenile-family in crisis home" means any public or private residence that provides 24-hour-a-day residential care to five or fewer children in a non-physically restrictive environment for a period of time usually not exceeding 30 days. Shelter homes shall not include the Division of Youth and Family Services emergency foster shelter homes.

"Children's shelter home parent" or "shelter home parent" means any person who provides 24 hour-a-day residential care for five or fewer children in a private residence under the supervision of a children's shelter home coordinator.

"Department" means the New Jersey Department of Human Services.

"Division" means the Division of Youth and Family Services, New Jersey Department of Human Services.

"Juvenile--family crisis" means behavior, conduct or a condition of a juvenile, parent or guardian or other family member which presents or results in:

1. A serious threat to the well-being and physical safety of a juvenile,
or

2. A serious conflict between a parent or guardian and a juvenile regarding rules of conduct which has been manifested by repeated disregard for lawful parental authority by a juvenile or misuse of lawful parental authority by a parent or guardian, or

3. Unauthorized absence by a juvenile for more than 24 hours from his home; or

4. A pattern of repeated unauthorized absences from school by a juvenile subject to the compulsory education provision of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

"Manual of Standards for Children's Shelter Facilities and Homes" or "Manual of Standards" means the rules and regulations promulgated in this chapter, which shall constitute minimum requirements for children's shelter facilities and homes.

"Parent" means a parent, guardian, or any other person having responsibility for, or custody of, a child.

"Person" means any individual, agency, corporation, company, association, organization, society, firm, partnership, joint stock company, the State or any political subdivision thereof.

"Shall" denotes a provision of this chapter that a children's shelter facility or home must meet before approval is granted by the Bureau.

"Staff member" means any person employed by or working for or with a children's shelter facility on a regularly scheduled basis. This shall include full-time, part-time, voluntary and substitute staff, whether paid or unpaid.

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